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Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

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Re: Steel, Investigation No. TA-201-73; Exclusion Request

Dear Ms. Blue:

We are writing in response to the exclusion request for free-machining steel bars and rods filed by Saerstahl AG and Saarsteel Inc. Baron Drawn Steel Corporation is a major U.S. carbon and alloy cold drawn bar mill.

We fully support the proposed exclusion. We can confirm that the U.S. steel industry is unable to meet the U.S. demand for free-machining steel bars and rods. Free-machining steel is required for the machining of steel parts, and there is no substitute for this product. Restricting imports of this product would cause significant damage to U.S. companies relying upon free-machining steel in their production operations.

Accordingly, we ask that free-machining steel bars and rods be excluded from any safeguard measures imposed by the President.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Gasiorowski".

Peter R. Gasiorowski, President
Baron Drawn Steel Corporation